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SUBJECT: MEDICAL EVALUATION FOR CAPT ZVI ROTEM, ISRAELI AIR FORCE

1. THE DAO HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DR. JOSSY FAKTOR, LTC, CH MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE. QUOTE: CAPT AVI ROTEM, A 29 YEAR OLD F-4 NAVIGATOR HAD A NEUROSURGICAL OPERATION A YEAR AGO. THE OPERATION LEFT THIS YOUNG MAN WITH A SMALL COIN-SHAPED DEFICIENCY IN THE LEFT FRONTAL SKULL (CARNIECTOMY FRONTAL LEFT AND REMOVAL OF OSTEOLYTIC LESION OF SKULL INVOLVING DURA MATER). SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1977 WE HAVE ALLOWED HIM TO FLY BACK-SEAT IN THE PHANTOM, BUT ONLY ON MISSIONS WHERE NO EXCESSIVE G-FORCES ARE TO BE EXPECTED. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES CAPT ROTEM HAS ASKED US TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF HIM BEING EXAMINED IN THE HUMAN CENTRIFUGE FACILITY AT BROOKS AFB. THE PURPOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION WOULD BE TO MONITOR HIM DURING INCRAESING POSITIVE G-FORCES INORDER TO EVALUATE TO WHAT EXTENT THIS HIGHLY MOTIVATED YOUNG MAN COULD EXPECT TO ENDURE HIGH PERFORMANCE JET FLIGHT INCLUDING THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN EJECTION. UNQUOTE.

2. THOUGH AN INDIRECT APPROACH WAS USED, I READ THE ABOVE A BEING A REQUEST BY THE IAF TO PERFORM AN EVALUATION OF CAPT ROTEM. THE MEDICAL PROCEDURE
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REQUESTED IS BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF FACILITIES IN ISRAEL. SINCE THE REQUEST IS ONLY FOR AN EVALUATION AND NOT FOR TREATMENT, THERE SHOULD NOT BE A CONTINUING OBLIGATION OR RESPONSIBILITY. A TRAINED CREW MEMBER IS A VERY VALUABLE NATIONAL RESOURCE. FLYING PERSONNEL IN THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE ENJOY GREAT STATUS AND PRESTIGE IN ISRAEL AS THE CREAM OF THE COUNTRIES MANPOWER

RESOURCES.

3. FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND IN KEEPING WITH THE
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES,
I RECOMMEND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST.
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